

THE MAN ON THE CORNER

BEGINS A RETURN ENGAGEMENT AND TALKS TERSELY UPON TIMELY TOPICS. 3 3 3

"There's a chief among ya takin' notes."

Captain John R. Lynch, of Mississippi, is an interesting character. For many years he was a dominating figure in national politics, was temporary chairman of the Chicago convention in 1884 and served two terms in Congress. For a number of years Captain Lynch, because he is a yellow fever immune, has been stationed in Cuba as paymaster.

"But I have no fear of yellow fever in Cuba now," said Capt. Lynch. "I do not believe there is any more danger of yellow fever in Cuba, at least while the army of this country is stationed there,



Major John R. Lynch.

than there is in any of the southern ports of the United States. Commercial and financial conditions in Cuba are not so promising. If the President's recommendations as to lower duties on Cuban sugar are adopted by Congress the Cubans will thrive and prosper. If not, the Cubans will have a desperate struggle. Eventually Cuba will become a part of the United States, but the people do not seem to comprehend now what they are losing by not attaching themselves to this country. So long as the future relations of the island to the United States, continue as they will be after this spring, the people cannot expect to be accorded the same privileges allowed Porto Rico."

Capt. Lynch has studied conditions in the West Indies and believes there are splendid opportunities for the Negro in both Cuba and Porto Rico. He has a very capable secretary in the person of Mr. M. B. McCary.

The Man-on-the Corner has returned to The Colored American, after a long absence. He is welcomed as an old friend, and we are sure our readers will extend the "glad hand." The community needs a scribe who knows everybody and who goes everywhere. A man who lives in both halves of the social sphere and who scans the passing throng from the corner is invariably a student of conditions and types, and is better prepared to measure the real progress of the race than many who orate learnedly from the platform. The Man-on-the-Corner is broad in his sympathies, impartial in judgment of the personal worth of men and women, plain of speech when an opinion is to be uttered and doesn't gloss over deceit nor deny a word of encouragement to the toiler who may be

deemed by some as a member of the "lower five." He believes in the dignity of labor and that whatever one's calling may be, he should strive to do the very best he can for those he serves. He will mingle with you at the "party," sit beside you in the pew, visit you when you are sick, drop in on you at the school house, tell of your joys and sorrows, grasp your hand on the public highway, talk to you at the lyceums, hob-nob with saints and sinners, and perchance, sip with you "suthin' cheerin'" at the club. You won't know him, but he will be at your elbow when you least expect him. The Man-on-the Corner makes his bow.

Register Judson W. Lyons' international fame was happily illustrated a few days ago. Lucien Hayden White tells a story of how there reached him through the mails a large oblong envelope very thick and fat. It contained a number of legal documents resplendent in glittering seal and streaming ribbon. The envelope bore the



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postmark of a town on one of the Australasian islands, which White poetically describes as basking in the glorious equatorial sunshine and whose shores are laved by the warm waters of the Indian Ocean. A perusal of its contents developed the fact that a gentleman had died out there, leaving an estate valued nearly \$35,000. His widow is an American woman, and this entails certain formalities in the American courts. And, from the other side of the world came this packet to Capt. Lyons, who is also a lawyer of standing and ability, bringing a power of attorney, by which he is authorized to act for the estate in American courts. Our informant further gives the cheering information that if, in the midst of his multiplicity of duties, Capt. Lyons is able to accept this office, it will mean, also, a nice, fat fee for his legal services.

Opportunities and the ability to measure up to them as they flit before him, are the things that go to make a man. Few of us notice young men while they are climbing. They work along quietly, but steadily. Their names are seldom seen in the papers and outside of the scene of their daily duties, their existence is almost unsuspected. Suddenly an opening appears and they come forward with a rush that surprises

even the friends who have been close to them from boyhood. They fit into their new work as snugly as a glove fits the hand. Everybody is proud to enjoy their acquaintance and try to remember incidents of the days of patient plodding and boasts of the services they rendered in bringing out the boys' native genius. It is nice to be successful. As a matter of fact, rises are not spontaneous. These young men attain the heights by working diligently, prayerfully.

A splendid type of the earnest young men we have described is Dr. W. Bruce Evans, the new principal of the beautiful manual training school on P street. He is ardently attached to his calling. He knows more about the utility of manual education than any other man in town. He has his arguments constantly at his tongue's end and readily convinces a doubter that he is right. Dr. Evans is a handsome and wholesome specimen of manhood and is blessed with a personality that is both magnetic and respect compelling. He dubs his new school "The Tuskegee of Washington" and expects to have the "Wizard" here at the dedication which takes place in April.

W. L. Pollard is hustling young attorney. While a "good fellow" he never neglects business for pleasure and never has a minute to waste with curbside orators or club gossipers. He is a legal light, a real estate manager and a government official, but all interests are carefully served. He is worth some money, and knows just how much to spend without being called a "crab," and how much to save for that rainy day, when friends may be few and health may be broken. Mr. Pollard is fortunate in having as his cashier and general assistant, so able and popular a lady as Miss Florence N. Matthews. Mr. Pollard's new calendar is a thing of beauty.

Recorder Dancy will have no difficulty in "making good" in Washington. He is no stranger. In fact his visits have been so frequent as to give him a brevet citizenship here. He is a genial "mixer," an eloquent orator, a keen newspaper man, an incisive writer and a capital raconteur. The Man-on-the-Corner hopes to see much of the new Recorder.

"A prudent wife is come from God" says Holy Writ. It isn't every man's good fortune to have a wife who possesses the "coin of the realm" in addition to her charms of mind, person and heart. Hon. H. P. Cheatham's characteristic luck brought him a gratifying surprise Christmas morning. As a Christmas token, Mrs. Cheatham, his November bride, handed him a large envelope. It contained besides a message of encouragement, ten crisp \$100 bills—\$1000, fresh from the Treasury. The retiring Recorder was deeply affected by this liberal evidence of esteem, and felt that a loyal partner is a prize beyond the pearls of India. It is safe to suggest that peace and plenty will reign in the Cheatham homestead for quite a while.

MAN-ON-THE CORNER.

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